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Illinois Commerce Commission
160 North LaSalle Street, Suite C-800
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Ameritech Illinois Section 271 Review Process

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

On July 2, 2001, Ameritech Illinois provided you with an overview of its plans relative to submitting a Section 271 application to the FCC and initiating the requisite Section 271 review process in Illinois. Ameritech Illinois described the "two phase" informational filing approach which it recommended be used. The Company further indicated that it expected to make its initial checklist filing in Illinois by the end of July of this year, in anticipation of a 2002 filing with the Federal Communications Commission.

Ameritech Illinois is in the process of discussing with the Commission Staff the best and most effective way of moving this process forward. To that end, Ameritech Illinois has prepared a written summary of the status of its compliance with the checklist, which has been provided to Staff and which will be made available to other interested parties. In light of these ongoing discussions, Ameritech Illinois has agreed to defer the initiation of any formal checklist review proceeding until later this year.

Ameritech Illinois desires to enter the long distance market in Illinois as soon as possible. We believe that taking additional time up front to develop an agreed upon process will ultimately expedite the checklist review procedure in Illinois.

Very truly yours,

Carrie J. Hightman
President,
Ameritech Illinois

cc: Mr. Scott Wiseman